GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
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BPL FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a): whether in most States the total number of BPL familiesidentified by the Planning Commission are less as compared to the number of families estimated by the State Governments;

(b): if so, the details thereof including the comparative figures, State-wise; and

(c): the reasons for the difference in estimates?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI MOOKHERJEE)

(a) : The comparable estimates of the number of BPL families estimated by thePlanning Commission and BPL families identified by the State Governments are not available. The Planning Commission estimates poverty for the years forwhich NSS data on household consumer expenditure from the large surveys is available and the latest such data is available for the year 1999-2000 (55th Round). The State Governments estimate BPL families at the beginning of theFive Year Plans. Latest BPL estimates made by the State Governments are available for the year 1997. Moreover, Planning Commission estimates povertyon individual basis whereas State Governments` estimation is made on household basis.

(b): The state wise estimates of percentage of persons living below poverty line as calculated by the Planning Commission for the year 1999-2000 and the percentage of families identified to be living below poverty line by the State Governments for the year 1997 are given in the Annexure.

(c): In view of (a) above, does not arise.

State-Wise Percentage of Families/Persons Below Poverty Line in Rural Areas

S.No. State/U.T.`s State Govt. Plan. Com.
Estimates# Estimates
1997 1999-2000
(Families) (Persons)

1. Andhra Pradesh 39.91 11.05

2. Arunachal Pr. 78.39 40.04

3. Assam 60.00 40.04

4. Bihar 49.64 44.30

5. Goa 17.01 1.35
6. Gujarat 35.45 13.17

7 Haryana 24.25 8.27

8. Himachal Pr. 27.59 7.94

9. Jammu & Kashmir 57.92 3.97
10. Karnataka 33.99 17.38
11. Kerala 36.56 9.38
12. Madhya Pradesh 43.87 37.06

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13. Maharashtra 35.07 23.72
14. Manipur 67.54 40.04
15. Meghalaya 55.48 40.04
16. Mizoram 67.07 40.04
17. Nagaland 60.39 40.04
18. Orissa 65.47 48.01
19. Punjab 27.90 6.35
20. Rajasthan 30.99 13.74
21. Sikkim - 40.04
22. Tamil Nadu 29.16 20.55
23. Tripura 66.81 40.04
24. Uttar Pradesh 36.91 31.22
25. West Bengal 44.40 31.85
26. A & N Island 21.25 20.55
27. Chandigarh - 5.75
28. D & N Haveli 65.67 17.57
29. Daman & Diu 3.68 1.35
30. Delhi - 0.40
31. Lakshadweep 10.26 9.38
32. Pondicherry 47.37 20.55

All India 41.05 27.09

= Source is Ministry of Rural Development